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SUBJECT: U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY: BELOVSKI-VELIOTES
MEETING

1. ON NOVEMBER 2 YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI CALLED AT
HIS REQUEST ON DEUPTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (NEA) VELIOTES
FOR A BRIEFING ON CURRENT U.S. VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. VELIOTES INDICATED THAT SITUATION GENERALLY THE SAME
AS ONE MONTH AGO WHEN THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH
MR. KARDELJ. THE U.S. IS STILL SEEKING TO GET AGREEMENT
FROM ALL PARTICIPANTS ON THE TERMS FOR RECONVENING THE
GENEVA MEPC. THE TARGET DATE IS STILL DECEMBER, AND THE
KEY ISSUE IS STILL PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION. ALL PARTIES
MAINTAIN THAT WANT TO GO TO GENEVA. BELOVSKI ASKED WHETHER
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US CONTACTS WITH THE PARTIES INCLUDED DIRECT CONTACT WITH
THE PLO AND VELIOTES SAID IT DID NOT, AND REPEATED OUR
POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. BELOVSKI ASKED ABOUT UNSC RES. 242 AND THE U.S. ATTI-
TUDE ON AMENDMENTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ACCEPTANCE BY
PLO. VELIOTES SAID THAT WE HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR OPPOSITION

TO ANY MOVE TO AMEND 242 AND WOULD VETO IF NECESSARY. HE REVIEWED BIDDING LEADING TO PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC STATEMENT OF AUGUST 8 RE OUR CONDITIONS FOR DIRECT CONTACT WITH PLO NOTING WE HAD BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING IN RESPONSE TO URGINGS BY ARAB FRIENDS. BALL, WAS NOW IN ARAB/PLO COURT.

4. BELOVSKI SAID THAT THE U.S. APPROACH SEEMED TO CONCENTRATE ON PROCEDURES RATHER THAN THE SUBSTANCE OF A SETTLEMENT. VELIOTES REPLIED IN ESSENCE THAT WITHOUT RESOLUTION OF THE PROCEDURAL ISSUES, FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD A SOLUTION WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

5. BELOVSKI WAS APPRECIATIVE OF THE BRIEFING, WHICH HE SAW AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PRACTICE OF EXCHANGING VIEWS ON MATTERS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO BOTH SIDES. HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE U.S. HAD GONE ABOUT AS FAR AS IT COULD ON THE DELICATE PALESTINIAN ISSUE, WHICH ALSO POSED SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE ARABS. CHRISTOPHER

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